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## CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor American Naturalist :*

SIR, — In your May issue, p. 437, you publish a note by D. S. J. referring to the recent *Report of the Thetis Trawling Expedition on the Coast of New South Wales*. Your contributor writes: "The nomenclature is very antiquated, the author apparently depending almost entirely on *Günther's Catalogue of the Fishes of the British Museum*, the one published volume of Boulenger's masterly catalogue being ignored."

In common justice the writer might have taken note of the following passage on page 27 of the publication: "The present report is of a popular character, and has been prepared rather for the benefit of the commercial than the scientific community. To this end the technical names employed are not necessarily those of strict science, but are those by which the various fishes are best known to amateurs both in science and fishing." The nomenclature is mainly that of the catalogue of the fishes of New South Wales, by J. Douglas-Ogilby, a work largely used by those for whom the report was written.

That I did not ignore Boulenger's catalogue should be apparent from the occurrence in the report of the names *Cæsioperca lepidoptera*, *Epinephelus septemfasciatus*, and *Acanthistius serratus*.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

EDGAR R. WAITE.

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, SYDNEY, June 16, 1899.